

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**MISSISSIPPI STATE CONFERENCE OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE;
DR. ANDREA WESLEY; DR. JOSEPH
WESLEY; ROBERT EVANS; GARY
FREDERICKS; PAMELA HAMMER
BARBARA FINN; ORHO BARNES;
SHIRLINDA ROBERTSON; SANDRA
SMITH; DEBORAH HULITT; RODESTA
TUMBLIN; DR. KIA JONES; ANGELA
GRAYSON; MARCELEAN ARRINGTON;
VICTORIA ROBERTSON**

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:22-cv-734-DPJ-HSO-LHS

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS; TATE REEVES, *in his
official capacity as Governor of Mississippi;*
LYNN FITCH, *in her official capacity as
Attorney General of Mississippi;* MICHAEL
WATSON, *in his official capacity as Secretary
of State of Mississippi***

DEFENDANTS

AND

**MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT

**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEFENDANTS'
DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE EXPERT WITNESSES**

Defendants State Board of Election Commissioners, Governor Tate Reeves, Attorney General Lynn Fitch, and Secretary of State Michael Watson (collectively, "Defendants") respectfully submit this unopposed motion for a seven (7) day extension of Defendants' deadline to designate expert witnesses. In support. Defendants would show as follows:

1. Pursuant to this Court's scheduling Order for this matter, Defendants' deadline to designate expert witnesses is October 16, 2023. (Doc. 44).

2. In order to have adequate time to prepare reports, Defendants respectfully request a seven (7) day extension of Defendants' deadline to designate expert witnesses, up to and including, October 23, 2023.

3. Counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs. Counsel for Plaintiffs has represented that there is no objection to the seven (7) day extension of Defendants' current expert deadline.

4. Due to the straightforward nature of the relief sought by this motion, Defendants respectfully requests that they not be required to submit a separate memorandum in support of this motion as required by Local Uniform Civil Rule 7(b)(4).

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully requests that the court enter an amended scheduling Order extending Defendants' deadline to designate expert witnesses by seven (7) days, up to and including, October 23, 2023.

This the 16th day of October, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS; TATE REEVES, IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF
MISSISSIPPI; LYNN FITCH, IN HER OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
MISSISSIPPI; MICHAEL WATSON, IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF
STATE, DEFENDANTS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, P. Ryan Beckett, one of the attorneys for the Defendants, do hereby certify that I have this day filed the above and foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

This the 16th day of October, 2023.

/s/ P. Ryan Beckett

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